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SUBJ: FRANCE SIGNS AID ACCORDS WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. THE MALIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS SIGNED SIX AID AGREEMENTS SEPTEMBER 24 AT A TOTAL FIGURE OF APPROX. \$3.5 MILLION (1.6 BILLION MALIAN FRANCS). AGRICULTURE CLAIMED THE LIONS SHARE OF FUNDS WITH APPROX. \$2.9 MILLION GOING FOR CONTINUING PROJECTS IN SWAMP DRAINAGE AT BAGUINEDA, A JOINT FRENCH/WORLD BANK INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, A PEANUT AND FOODCROPS EXTENSION PROGRAM, NEW FINANCING OF COTTON PLANTING IN SOUTHERN MALI AND SUGAR PRODUCTION STUDIES IN KATIORONIBA. THE FRENCH ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE A \$370,000 SUBSIDY FOR A \$1.1 MILLION LOAN FROM THE CENTRAL BANK FOR COOPERATION TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF NEW ROLLING STOCK FOR MALI RAILROADS. ANOTHER \$280,000 WILL BE SPENT IN THE HEALTH AREA WITH GRANTS TO BAMAKO HOSPITAL AND THE EPIDEMIOLOGY SERVICE.
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